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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

YOSHIDA ET AL.

Examiner

Dang D Le

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 February 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 10-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 10-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☒ The proposed drawing correction filed on 03 February 2003 is: a) ☒ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 5 and 10-13 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

4. Claims 5 and 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroyasu (JP 09-070162) in view of Yukio et al. (JP 10-127031).

Regarding claim 5, Hiroyasu shows a motor (Figures 1-10) comprising:

- A motor base including:

- A base (2);
- A bearing supporter (23) protrudes vertically from the base for supporting a bearing (24);
- A stator supporter (13) concentric with the bearing supporter;
- A terminal (22) made of metal plate and insert-molded around the bearing supporter;
- Wherein the motor base is formed by cutting off bridges linking between the motor base and a frame around the motor base (Figures 1-4);
- A stator (21) mounted to the stator supporter; and
- A rotor (Figure 7) supported by the bearing, which is supported by the bearing supporter.

Hiroyasu does not show the terminal made of metal plate inserted-molded into the base. The terminal is on top of the base.

Yukio et al. show the terminal made of metal plate inserted-molded into the base (Figure 1) for the purpose of proving a stably wiring means.

Since Hiroyasu and Yukio et al. are all from the same field of endeavor; the purpose disclosed by one inventor would have been recognized in the pertinent art of the others.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to insert-mold the terminal into the base instead of on top of the base as taught by Yukio et al. for the purpose discussed above.

Regarding claim 10, it is noted that Hiroyasu also shows a method of assembling a motor using a motor-base-holder wherein the motor-base-holder (Figures 1-10) comprising:

- A base (25);
- A bearing supporter (23) protrudes vertically from the base for supporting a bearing;
- A stator supporter (13) concentric with the bearing supporter;
- A motor base having a terminal (22) made of metal plate and insert-molded around the bearing supporter; and
- A frame (2) made of the same metal as the terminal and linked with fringe of the motor base,
- Wherein the method comprises the steps of:
- Positioning and supporting the motor base at a given place by the frame (Figure 1);
- Assembling the stator and a rotor of the motor to the motor base (Figure 1 and 7); and
- Detaching the motor base from the frame (Figure 3).

Hiroyasu does not show the terminal made of metal plate inserted-molded into the base. The terminal is on top of the base.

Yukio et al. show the terminal made of metal plate inserted-molded into the base (Figure 1) for the purpose of proving a stably wiring means.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to insert-mold the terminal into the base instead of on top the base as taught by Yukio et al. for the purpose discussed above.

Regarding claim 11, it is noted that Hiroyasu also shows the motor-base-holder using a plurality of motor bases linked to each other (Figure 1).

Regarding claim 12, it is noted that Hiroyasu also shows the motor-base-holder using a plurality of motor bases linked to each other (Figure 1) to form a belt-like shape.

Regarding claim 13, it is noted that Hiroyasu also shows the bridges being dispersively disposed around the motor base as well as between the frame and the motor base.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Information on How to Contact USPTO

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dang D Le whose telephone number is (703) 305-0156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor Ramirez can be reached on (703) 308-1371. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9318 for regular communications and (703) 872-9319 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.

DDL
June 27, 2003

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dang D Le', is written in a cursive style.

DANG LE
PRIMARY EXAMINER